

Connecticut Weekly AGRICULTURAL REPORT

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INAUGURAL ISSUE OF CONNECTICUT GROWN MAGAZINE NOW AVAILABLE Highlights Success, Growth of CT Agriculture

An overview of Connecticut's diverse and thriving agricultural industry and its importance to the state's economy can be found in the newly-published inaugural edition of *Connecticut Grown* magazine.

The magazine is a joint project of the Department of Agriculture and Journal Communications Inc., which produces similar publications for many states across the country showcasing the positive contributions of agriculture.

"Today's agriculture is as rich in innovation and creativity as it is in tradition and history," reads part of the magazine's welcoming letter by Gov. Dannel P. Malloy and Agriculture Commissioner Steven K. Reviczky.

"It is an honor to serve the state's hard-working farm families who toil day in and out, cultivating the land to provide all these products and preserve the bucolic landscapes we cherish."

The magazine is expected to be produced annually, and will be distributed to a wide audience of agricultural-related organizations and businesses, as well as municipal libraries, town halls and a variety of other outlets.

The publication and other related information is available online at: <http://www.farmflavor.com/connecticut/connecticut-magazine/connecticut-grown-2017/>

The following are headlines and excerpts from a number of the magazine's articles:

Connecticut Agriculture - State's diverse industry supports economy

Connecticut's agricultural industry makes a big impact. The state's 6,000 farms are spread across 406,000 acres of farmland, with each operation averaging about 73 acres.

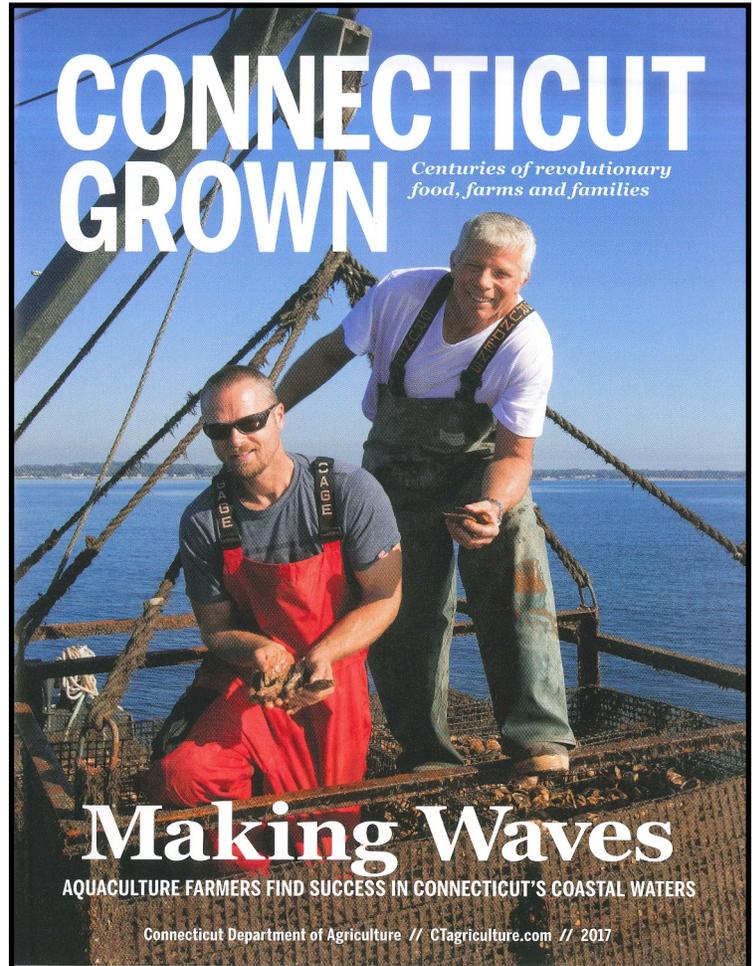
Hardworking farmers manage the land, producing some of Connecticut's important products such as greenhouse and nursery, milk and dairy, beef, aquaculture, tobacco, eggs and poultry, apples, maple syrup, vegetables, and more.

As a whole, Connecticut's agricultural industry adds \$3.5 billion to the local economy annually.

Making Waves - Connecticut's coastal waters boast successful aquaculture farms

Did you know that white tablecloth establishments from Boston to Maryland are featuring Connecticut oysters on their raw bar menus?

Connecticut oysters are expanding their position in the marketplace as the restaurant industry recognizes the advantages of the progressive methods used by the state's shellfish farmers to harvest a boutique oyster with a distinct flavor profile. Historically, Connecticut's shellfish industry



has been bottom-cultured oyster, hard clam, and oyster seed beds cultivating approximately 80,000 acres underwater. However, ample opportunity exists for smaller scale, more densely cultivated shellfish operations.

Bottoms Up - Connecticut wineries, distilleries create can't-miss beverages

Connecticut boasts dozens of wineries, distilleries and breweries that use local farm products to produce adult beverages, resulting in a thriving industry that continues to grow.

Not only can consumers enjoy these craft creations by purchasing them in stores and restaurants across the state – and often beyond – they can also visit the facilities where they're made and sample each unique offering.

Bishop's Orchards Farm Market and Winery in Guilford produces wine in apple, peach, pear, strawberry, blueberry and raspberry varieties, as well as hard apple cider made from their own fruit.

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LANCASTER, PA., LIVESTOCK SUMMARY

Avg. Dressing. Per cwt. Unless noted.

	LOW	HIGH
SLAUGHTER COWS Avg. Dressing		
breakers 75-80% lean	60.00	65.50
boners 80-85% lean	60.00	65.00
lean 88-90% lean	55.00	59.50
SLAUGHTER STEERS		
Hi Ch/Prime 3-4	123.00	128.00
Choice 2-3	118.50	122.50
Select 1-2	113.00	118.00
SLAUGHTER HOLSTEINS		
Choice 2-3	83.00	95.00
Sel 1-2	75.00	86.00
SLAUGHTER HEIFERS		
Hi Ch/Prime 3-4	118.00	123.00
Choice 2-3	112.00	117.00
Sel 1-2	106.00	111.00
CALVES - Graded bull		
No 1 120-128 lbs	105.00	125.00
SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Woolled & Shorn		
Markets: Choice and Prime 2-3		
130-150 lbs	180.00	190.00
150-200 lbs	150.00	155.00
SLAUGHTER EWES: Good 2-3		
120-160 lbs	90.00	125.00
160-200 lbs	90.00	120.00
200-300 lbs	87.00	92.00
SLAUGHTER KIDS: Sel 1		
20-40 lbs	120.00	120.00
40-60 lbs	130.00	160.00
60-80 lbs	162.00	185.00
80-100 lbs	180.00	205.00
SLAUGHTER NANNIES/DOES: Sel 1		
80-130 lbs	165.00	185.00
130-180 lbs	185.00	235.00
SLAUGHTER BUCKS/BILLIES: Sel 1		
100-150 lbs	185.00	230.00
150-250 lbs	235.00	265.00

DAIRY REPLACEMENT COWS

N. Holland, PA, February 22, 2017. By the head.

FRESH COWS:

SUPREME	1600.00	1625.00
APPROVED	1250.00	1600.00
MEDIUM	925.00	1250.00

BRED COWS (4-6 MONTHS):

APPROVED	1050.00	1300.00
MEDIUM	800.00	950.00

SHORT BRED COWS (1-3 MONTHS):

APPROVED	1275.00	1425.00
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SPRINGING HEIFERS (7-9 MONTHS):

SUPREME	1425.00	1475.00
APPROVED	1175.00	1425.00
MEDIUM	825.00	1200.00

BRED HEIFERS (4-6 MONTHS):

APPROVED	1125.00	1325.00
MEDIUM	725.00	975.00

OPEN HEIFERS (4-6 MONTHS):

100-300 LBS		
APPROVED	375.00	425.00
300-600 LBS		
APPROVED	500.00	835.00
600-900 LBS		
APPROVED	800.00	925.00
MEDIUM	600.00	775.00
900-1200 LBS		
APPROVED	910.00	935.00
MEDIUM	600.00	775.00
1200-1500 LBS		
APPROVED	1050.00	1135.00

WHOLESALE FRUITS & VEGETABLESBoston Terminal and Wholesale Grower Prices
NEW ENGLAND GROWN

	LOW	HIGH
ALFALFA SPROUTS, 5 LB CTN	14.00	14.00
ALFALFA SPROUTS, 12-4 OZ	16.00	16.50
BEAN SPROUTS, 12-12 OZ	12.00	15.00
BEAN SPROUTS, 10 LBS	6.00	7.00
BEETS, RED, SM, LOOSE, 25 LBS	6.00	7.00
CIDER, APPLE, 4-1 GALLON	19.00	21.00
CIDER, APPLE, 9-1/2 GALLON	21.00	22.50
EGGPLANT, THAI, M, 20 LBS	15.00	16.00
PARSNIPS, LOOSE, 20 LB BAG	22.00	22.00
PARSNIPS, 18-1 LB BAGS	20.00	20.00
POTATO, RNDRED, #1, SZA, 50LB	14.00	15.00
POTATO, RNDRED, #1, SZB, 50LB	16.00	18.00
POTATO, RNDWT, #1, CHEF, 50LB	11.00	11.50
POTATO, RNDWT, #1, 10 LB FILM	2.25	2.50
POTATO, RUSST, #1, 10 OZ, 50LB	11.00	12.50
POTATO, YELLOW, #1, SZA, 50LB	13.00	13.00
POTATO, YLLW, #1, CHEF, 50LB	14.00	14.00
TOMATOES, GHS, CHERRY, 5LB	10.00	14.00
TOMATO, GHSE HEIRLM, 10 LB	23.00	25.00

USDA- RETAIL LAMB AND VEAL REPORT

February 24- March 2, 2017 sales. \$ per lb, or as noted.

LAMB, SHOULDER ROAST	7.49	7.49
LAMB, SHLDR BLADE CHOPS	4.97	5.99
LAMB, SHLDR RND BONE CHOP	5.39	5.39
LAMB, RACK OF	9.99	9.99
LAMB, RIB CHOPS	10.99	10.99
LAMB, LOIN CHOPS	5.99	10.99
LAMB, LEG OF, BONELESS	6.99	7.99
LAMB, LEG OF, SEMI BNLS	8.99	8.99
LAMB, BTTRFLIED, BNLS	6.99	6.99
VEAL, SHLDR BLADE CHOPS	2.99	5.99
VEAL, SHLDR RND BONE CHOP	3.29	3.29
VEAL, BREAST	2.69	2.69
VEAL, RIB CHOPS	14.99	19.99
VEAL, LOIN CHOPS	7.99	9.99
VEAL, LEG CUTLETS	8.99	18.99
VEAL, ROAST, BNLS	7.49	7.49
VEAL, CUBE STEAK	8.99	8.99
VEAL, GROUND	3.99	3.99
VEAL, STEW MEAT	5.99	7.99

USDA NEW ENGLAND HONEY REPORT

February 27, 2017. \$ per unit, in market noted.

HONEY, RETAIL, 1 LB	9.00	12.00
FOOD SERVICE, RAW, 5 GAL	200.00	235.00
FOOD SERVICE, NAT, 5 GAL	200.00	235.00
WAX, WHT, CLEAN, WHLSL, 1 LB	5.50	5.75
WAX, WT, CLN, WHSL, 50LBS/LB	4.50	5.00
WAX, WT, CLN, WHSL, >50LBS/LB	2.20	3.50
WAX, WHITE, CLEAN, RETAIL, /LB	16.00	20.00

USDA- EASTERN REGION WHOLESALE MISCELLANEOUS POULTRYDucklings US Grade A, 4-5 lb, delivered in trucklots, \$/lb.
Roasters US Grade A and plant grade, 5 lbs and up, \$/lb.

DUCKLINGS, LONG ISLAND		
FROZEN	2.31	2.35
FRESH	2.36	2.42
DUCKLINGS, MIDWEST		
FROZEN	2.05	2.20
FRESH	2.15	2.30

MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION

Middlefield, CT - February 27, 2017

	LOW	HIGH
Bob Calves:		
45-60 lbs.	25.00	30.00
61-75 lbs.	42.00	45.00
76-90 lbs.	47.50	50.00
91-105 lbs.	52.00	55.50
106 lbs. & up	60.00	62.50
Farm Calves	65.00	75.00
Starter Calves	n/a	n/a
Veal Calves	75.00	135.00
Feeder Heifers	71.00	92.50
Beef Heifers	70.00	80.00
Feeder Steers	85.00	110.00
Beef Steers	96.00	114.00
Feeder Bulls	85.00	125.00
Beef Bulls	92.00	94.00
Replacement Cows	n/a	n/a
Replacement Heifers	n/a	n/a
Boars	n/a	n/a
Sows	n/a	n/a
Butcher Hogs	n/a	n/a
Feeder Pigs each	n/a	n/a
Sheep, each	95.00	220.00
Lambs each	95.00	270.00
Goats each	130.00	290.00
Kid Goats each	45.00	185.00
Canners	up to	64.00
Cutters	65.00	67.00
Utility Grade Cows	68.00	70.00
Rabbits each	5.00	45.00
Chickens each	5.00	20.00
Ducks each	13.00	21.00

NORTHEAST EGGS/USDAPer doz. Grade A and Grade A white
in cartons to retailers (volume buyers)

XTRA LARGE	.56	.70
LARGE	.50	.64
MEDIUM	.41	.54

NEW ENGLAND SHELL EGGSPer doz. Grade A brown in
carton delivered store door. (Range)

XTRA LARGE	1.03	1.15
LARGE	1.00	1.09
MEDIUM	.66	.74
SMALL	.54	.63

NEW HOLLAND, PA. HOG AUCTION

Avg dressing. Per cwt.

52-56	200-250 lbs	56.00	60.00
	250-300 lbs	58.00	65.00
	300-350 lbs	58.00	65.00
48-52	200-300 lbs	46.00	58.00
	300-400 lbs	45.00	53.00
Sows, US 1-3	300-500 lbs	24.00	32.00
	500-800 lbs	24.00	33.00
Boars	200-400 lbs	24.00	30.00
	400-800 lbs	5.00	5.00

CARLISLE, PA. FEEDER PIGS

February 23, 2017. Per cwt.

US 1-2	23-29 lbs	181.00	188.00
	33-35 lbs	163.00	168.00
	45-48 lbs	99.00	124.00
	54-59 lbs	110.00	114.00
	72 lbs	80.00	80.00
US 2	17-20 lbs	202.00	205.00
	34 lbs	160.00	160.00
	44-45 lbs	111.00	122.00
	91 lbs	84.00	84.00

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Sharing the Harvest - Connecticut farmers connect consumers to fresh, local foods

Connecticut farmers are making it easy for consumers to eat fresh, locally and seasonally, thanks to community supported agriculture programs, also known as CSAs.

With these programs, customers receive a fresh box of produce, meats and other goodies each week during the season, straight from the farm.

Stacia and Fred Monahan, co-owners of Stone Gardens Farm in Shelton, offer a CSA program with four options that coincide with the four growing seasons.

“Our main summer CSA goes for 20 weeks, and on either end we have a five-week, pre-season spring CSA and a five-week, post-season fall CSA,” Stacia Monahan says. “Then we have a winter one that is spread out every other week through the season.”

Safety First - Connecticut Department of Agriculture works to ensure food safety

When shopping for dairy products, shellfish, or fresh produce, have you ever wondered what happens behind the scenes to ensure the food brought to market is as safe as possible?

“Food safety is at the core of the Connecticut Department of Agriculture’s mission,” Agriculture Commissioner Steven K. Reviczky says. “It’s very important that consumers have confidence in the food products they’re buying – if they have confidence, farms are going to be more viable and sell more products.”

City Crops - Urban ag fosters innovation, growth in Connecticut’s industry

As you travel through Bridgeport, the largest city in Connecticut, you might pass an old factory building, unassu-

ming from the outside. Fresh, delicious, high-quality lettuce, kale, arugula and more are being grown inside, in the middle of one of the most populated cities in Connecticut.

“We found an underutilized building in Bridgeport and set up what is now a commercial farm,” says Steve Domyan, co-founder of MetroCrops, a high-density, urban indoor farm.

Cultivating Growth - Connecticut’s greenhouse sector blooms

Connecticut’s greenhouse sector is flourishing, and it’s showing no signs of slowing down. The industry has a big, positive impact – both economically and ecologically.

Local growers are cultivating climate-controlled flowers, bedding plants, perennials, food crops and more in an estimated 180 acres of production space under cover.

In fact, in 2015, state farmers had \$306.3 million in horticulture sales alone.

Planting Roots - Grants, service help young Connecticut farmers

Connecticut is where young generations of farmers go to take root and grow.

With the help of grants from the Connecticut Department of Agriculture and local towns, young farmers across the state are establishing themselves. One such place is the Town of Farmington, touted as both historic and progressive.

“The Town of Farmington has a long history of supporting agriculture, and will continue to support local farmers in future generations,” Town Manager Kathleen Eagen says.

The town leases land to various farmers, including Sub Edge Farm operated by Rodger and Isabelle Phillips. Believers that good, fair, clean food should be available to all, they spent years gaining experience working on different farms before launching their farm-to-table business.

FOR SALE

1-R. Blumenthal & Donahue is now Connecticut’s first independent NATIONWIDE Agri-Business Insurance Agency. Christmas tree growers, beekeepers, sheep breeders, organic farmers and all others, call us for all your insurance needs. 800-554-8049 or www.bludon.com

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5-R. Nationwide Agribusiness Insurance Program, endorsed by the CT Farm Bureau, save up to 23% on your farm insurance and get better protection. References available from satisfied farmers. Call Marci today at 203-444-6553.

27. Quality hay for sale; large bales from fertilized fields no kicker bales. 25 bale minimum \$5.75 per bale. Call 203-453-9865.

28-R. Farm for sale. 9.2 acre, ~40000 sq ft greenhouses in Eastford, CT. Used to produce lettuce, cucumbers, herbs, tomatoes. \$399,000.00. 860-336-8000.

29. Ringneck Pheasant Hatching Eggs, \$10.00 per dozen. Durham, 860-638-9689.

WANTED

26-R. Trailer load of hardwood treetops or imperfect logs for firewood, Danbury. Please call Joe at 203-994-0997.

30-R. Standing timber wanted. Hardwood/softwood, especially sugar maple/white oak. Top prices paid. Licensed and insured. 10 acre minimum. 860-798-4039.

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6-R. Farm/Land specializing in land, farms, and all types of Real Estate. Established Broker with a lifetime of agricultural experience and 40 years of finance. Representing both Buyers and Sellers. Call Clint Charter of Wallace-Tetreault Realty 860-644-5667.

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25-R. Creating and Improving Pollinator Habitat on Your Farm – March 9, Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station. More information: <https://tinyurl.com/jnc6xsv>. 5.25 pesticide recertification credits. To register, contact Tracy Zarrillo at 203-974-8573 or Tracy.Zarrillo@ct.gov

The Connecticut Department of Agriculture is promoting maple syrup during the month of March on several state radio stations, as well as Pandora radio and the agency Facebook page: www.facebook.com/ConnecticutGrown and at CTGrown.gov/maplesyrup.

The ads feature the message: “What do pancakes, ice cream, vegetables, coffee and oatmeal have in common? They all taste better with Connecticut Grown maple syrup. Find a sugarhouse near you at CTGrown.gov/maplesyrup and tap into the sweetness.”



Page 1: Stamford's Stella Mar Oyster Co. owner Steve Schafer, (R), and crew member Jardarr Nygaard were photographed harvesting shellfish in Long Island Sound for the cover of the inaugural Connecticut Grown magazine.

Above: The expansive greenhouses at DeFrancesco Farms in Northford, and (right) the Phillips family's Sub Edge Farm in Farmington were also featured in the magazine.



VENDOR APPLICATION AVAILABLE FOR FARMERS' MARKET AT HARTFORD REGIONAL MARKET

The 2017 vendor application for the farmers' market at the Regional Market in Hartford is now available at http://www.ct.gov/doag/lib/doag/regional_market/2017/Final_2017_HRM_FM_Application_.pdf

Please return application with payment and all applicable certificates, permits, licenses, reports, maps, and resale listings to Jane Murdock, Connecticut Department of Agriculture, 450 Columbus Boulevard, Suite 703, Hartford, CT 06103.

Call 860-713-2588 or email Jane.Murdock@ct.gov with any questions.

SPECIALTY CROP BLOCK GRANT PROPOSALS SOUGHT

The Dept. of Agriculture is seeking concept proposal for projects that solely enhance the competitiveness of specialty crops.

Specialty crops are defined by the USDA as fruits and vegetables, dried fruit, tree nuts, maple syrup, honey, horticulture, and nursery crops.

Projects must impact and produce measurable outcomes for the specialty crop industry and/or the public.

Projects cannot begin until after January 1, 2018, and must be completed by September 29, 2020. The maximum award is \$75,000.

More info and complete application guidelines are available at www.CTGrown.gov/grants.

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